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TAGS: CASC (LUSK, THOMAS E.)  
SUBJECT: CASE OF THOMAS E. LUSK

REF MUSCAT 0309 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER VISITED TOM LUSK IN PRISON AT RUMAIS ON MARCH 27. HE DELIVERED PAPERS, MAGAZINES, AND CROSSWORD PUZZLES HE HAD ASKED FOR PREVIOUSLY. LUSK WAS IN VERY GOOD SPIRITS AND COMMENTED AGAIN THAT HE WAS RECEIVING EXCELLENT

TREATMENT FROM THE PRISON AUTHORITIES. HE ASKED IF HE WOULD BE DEPORTED AT THE END OF HIS SENTENCE OR UPON RELEASE. WHEN TOLD THAT DEPORTATION WAS VIRTUALLY INEVITABLE, HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS EMPLOYMENT IN OMAN BECAUSE HE LIKED THE COUNTRY VERY MUCH, THOUGH HE ADDED WRYLY THAT HE DIDN'T THINK HIGHLY OF THE OMAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

2. LUSK WAS IN APPARENT GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE AND SAID THAT HIS NEEDS WERE BEING MET VERY WELL BY THE SPONSORS OF HIS COMPANY AND THAT HE HAD NO REQUESTS TO MAKE OF THE EMBASSY. ADMIN OFFICER BROUGHT HIM UP TO DATE ON THE STATUS OF HIS APPEAL FOR EARLY RELEASE.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS VISIT, ADMIN OFFICER CALLED ON THE CHIEF WARDEN, JOHN GRIFFEN, A BRITISH CITIZEN. GRIFFEN STATED  
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THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, WHO IS ALSO OVERALL HEAD OF THE PRISON SYSTEM, HAD INSPECTED THE PRISON THE PREVIOUS DAY AND HAD NOTICED THE PRESENCE OF LUSK. HE SAID TO THE WARDEN THAT HE DID NOT LIKE TO HAVE EXPATRIATES IN THE PRISON AND TOLD WARDEN HE WOULD "DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT". GIVEN DIRECTOR GENERAL'S POWERFUL POSITION, SUCH ACTION COULD VERY WELL EXPEDITE LUSK'S EARLY RELEASE. THE MINISTER OF

JUSTICE IS CONSIDERING LUSK'S APPEAL FOR REMISSION OF THE  
REMAINDER OF HIS SENTENCE.

4. ON MARCH 21 AMBASSADOR RAISED LUSK CASE IN MEETING  
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI, WHO WAS WELL AWARE  
OF MATTER SINCE A ZAWAWI FAMILY FIRM IS LOCAL AGENT FOR CALIFORNIA  
MICROWAVE CO. ZAWAWI UNDERTOOK TO SPEAK WITH MINJUSTICE  
URGING CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO VARIOUS  
APPEALS ON LUSK'S BEHALF.  
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